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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
HARUO MACHIDA)
Application No.: 09/559,455)
Filed: April 28, 2003)
For: DATA PROCESSING APPARATUS,)
DATA PROCESSING METHOD)
AND STORAGE MEDIUM)
STORING COMPUTER-READABLE)
PROGRAM)

Examiner: Tadesse Hailu
Group Art Unit: 2173
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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

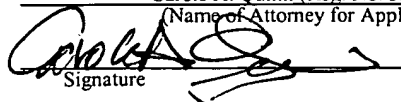
Sir:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated August 21, 2003 for two months from November 21, 2003 to January 21, 2004.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on

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Submitted herewith is a check for \$420.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office by telephone at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,


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